



September 2025 Newsletter

**9.11.2001
24 YEARS**



!NEVER FORGET!

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A Monthly Newsletter by VFW Post 7721 .

OFFICERS CORNER

September 2025 marks 24 years since our world stood still as evil attacked our Country on multiple fronts.

My personal wish is that our Country **Never Forgets** the events of 9.11.2001. May we Never Forget our Fellow Patriots who Honored The Call to "Protect and Serve" at the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and on the airplanes.

Please take a minute as you read this newsletter to stop and have a personal moment of silence in remembrance of all of our Patriots and Warriors who gave the ultimate sacrifice

RECAP OF AUGUST EVENTS

- Carol Whitmore - Elected 1st Female VFW Commander - in -Chief for 2025/2026
- CCSO Sergeant Johnny Cisnero - Department of Florida Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award
- Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Scholarship programs in full swing. Please seek out youth in Middle School and High School for these programs. (VFW.org/Scholarships)
- Purple Heart Day (August 7)
- Department of Florida School of Instruction (Aug 1-2)
- VFW National Convention (Aug 8 - 14)

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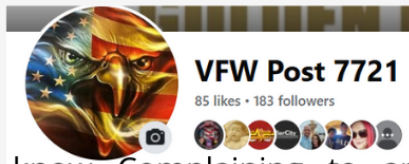
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"DUTY NOT
REWARD"

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IN THE KNOW - DID YOU KNOW?

- The post will pay for annual membership for qualified Active-Duty members.
- The Post's official Facebook page has changed look for this picture to like and follow upcoming events and posts.



- Did you know Complaining to another comrade is nothing more than gossip and boarder line slanderous and goes completely against the goal of positive communication and fellowship. Think back to grade school "If you don't have anything nice to say, Don't Say Anything at All". If you have an issue, take it up with the Commander, do not spread rumors that damage Post or our Members (this guidance is according to VFW By Laws)
- Social media, our 2025 Post Facebook page kicked off with the changing of command in June. The new platform is working, we have new customers coming in for Friday night dinners, and Ice Cream Social. We hit over 71,000 views as of 8.25.2025, in less than 90 days. thank you to everyone who likes and share our Post's Facebook page.
- Did you know you can share and comment on our Post's Facebook page, with one rule, do not post anything negative about the Post or Auxiliary as an organization or any of our members. If you break this rule, you will be blocked from the Post's Facebook page.
- We have hand rolled Cigars available at the Canteen for \$8.00 each, and Cigar night is every Wednesday
- Our Post Auxiliary is in a category all their own, they won State and National Awards. Please take time to thank the Auxiliary for all they do.
- Did you know? Any member can enter their services hours via the Department of Florida website. If you are volunteering, please enter your hours or submit your hours and how many miles driven during you service to Larry, you can text the information to 239-825-6366.
- If you see a door propped open, close it, do not touch the A/C thermostats unless you are a Post Officer. The post continues to accrue maintenance bills from misuse.

UP COMING EVENTS

- **4 Sept - 9am to 11am House / Staff Meeting**
- **5 Sept - 5 to 7 Fish Fry**
- **7 Sept - 9 to 1130 Breakfast**
- **6 Sept - Mighty Muscles Baseball Game - Commander is throwing the opening pitch**
- **9 Sept - 7 to 8 Post / Auxiliary Meeting**
- **11 Sept - 11am to 2pm -9/11 First Responder Luncheon**
- **11 Sept - 6:30 to 9/11 Cornhole Memorial Tournament**
- **12 Sept - 5 to 7 Brisket & Pork Ribs Food Truck Mania**
- **14 Sept Auxiliary Birthday**
- **14 Sept - 9 to 1130 Breakfast**
- **14 Sept - 2 to 6 - Patrick Lincoln Welcome Home Party from Marine Basic**
- **18 Sept POW/MIA**
- **19 Sept - 5 to 7 Fish Fry**
- **21 Sept - 9 to 1130 Breakfast**
- **26 Sept - 5 to 7 Shrimp Boil**
- **27 Sept - A.B.A.T.E Birthday**
- **28 Sept - 9 to 1130 Breakfast**
- **3 Oct - 5 to 7 Fish Fry**
- **4 Oct - Breast Cancer Poker Run**
- **10 Oct - Food Truck Manina**
- **17 Oct - 5 to 7 Fish Fry**



VFW AUXILIARY

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BETTY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

Congratulations to our Auxiliary

- We just received our official recognition from the National VFW Auxiliary celebrating our 50 years of service to veteran's service members and families. (look for it on the wall at the post). Thank you to all the members who have served and our legacy members.
- National Recognition at the Auxiliary Convention: Artwork from Lely High School Student won 6th place nationwide for his submission to Patriotic Art Received \$1000 Scholarship from National. \$475 for winning Dept of Florida 1st Place, & \$1000 from local First place Award
- Southern Conference 1st place award to Dept of Florida membership chairman 24/25, Betty A. Bailey
- Previously our Patriotic Pen essay contest middle school entry won 6th place
- Other News:
- Membership contest for new members, September thru December 1st, any post member who recruits for the auxiliary their name will be entered into a special drawing at the December meeting.
- September 13 – Ice Cream Sundae party to recognize volunteers from last year and kick off this year's Mission: Operation Christmas Card, personalizing cards to be sent to veterans' facilities again this year, in 8 states last year 18,000 cards sent.
- Planning committee working on event dates for: Oktoberfest, Christmas Party, Country Western, Valentines, St Patrick's Day.
- For more information contact Betty A. Bailey – bann652@aol.com

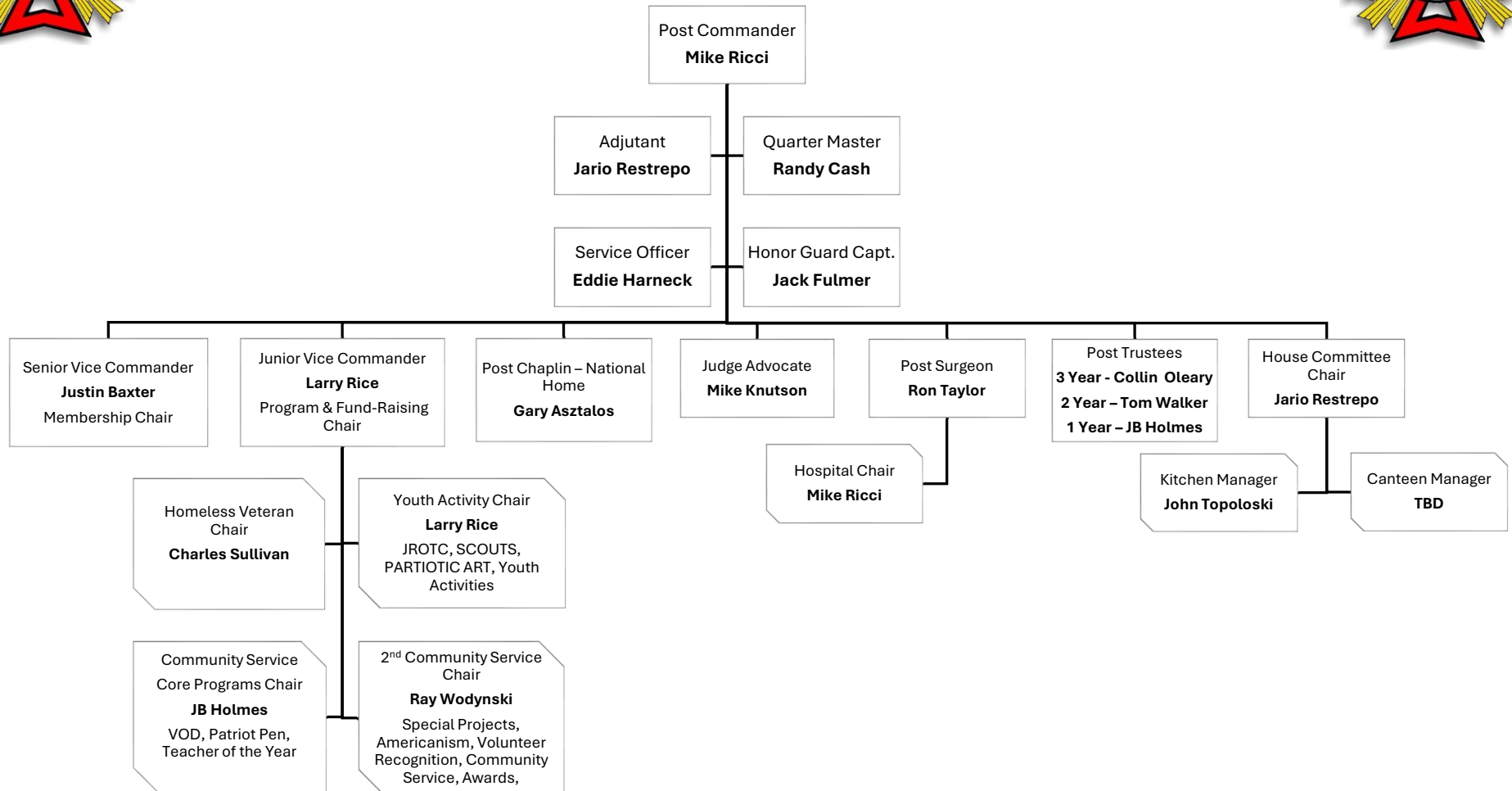
THERESA MOOK, TREASURE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

- Our Auxiliary has 374 members and we are at 93.50% paid already for the upcoming membership year. We have 4 new applications, so far, to be voted on at our September meeting. Keep up the good work recruiting!! Hopefully we'll reach the 100% milestone soon.
- Last week, I sent a 2nd dues reminder to all those annual members who have not paid their dues yet. Reaching 100+3% is one of the requirements for our Auxiliary to achieve The Circle of Champions. Let's try to get there as soon as we can.
- If you would like to convert your annual membership to a life time membership, please let me know and I will take care of that for you.
- If you are having difficulty paying your annual dues due to a financial or health hardship, please let me know.
- If annual dues are not paid by December 31, 2025, you will no longer be considered a "member in good standing". That means you are not eligible for the cancer grant and other benefits. You will also not be able to vote at meetings. If your dues are not paid by June 30, 2026, you will cease to be a member and will have to reapply and show proof of eligibility.
- Sincerely,
- Theresa Mook

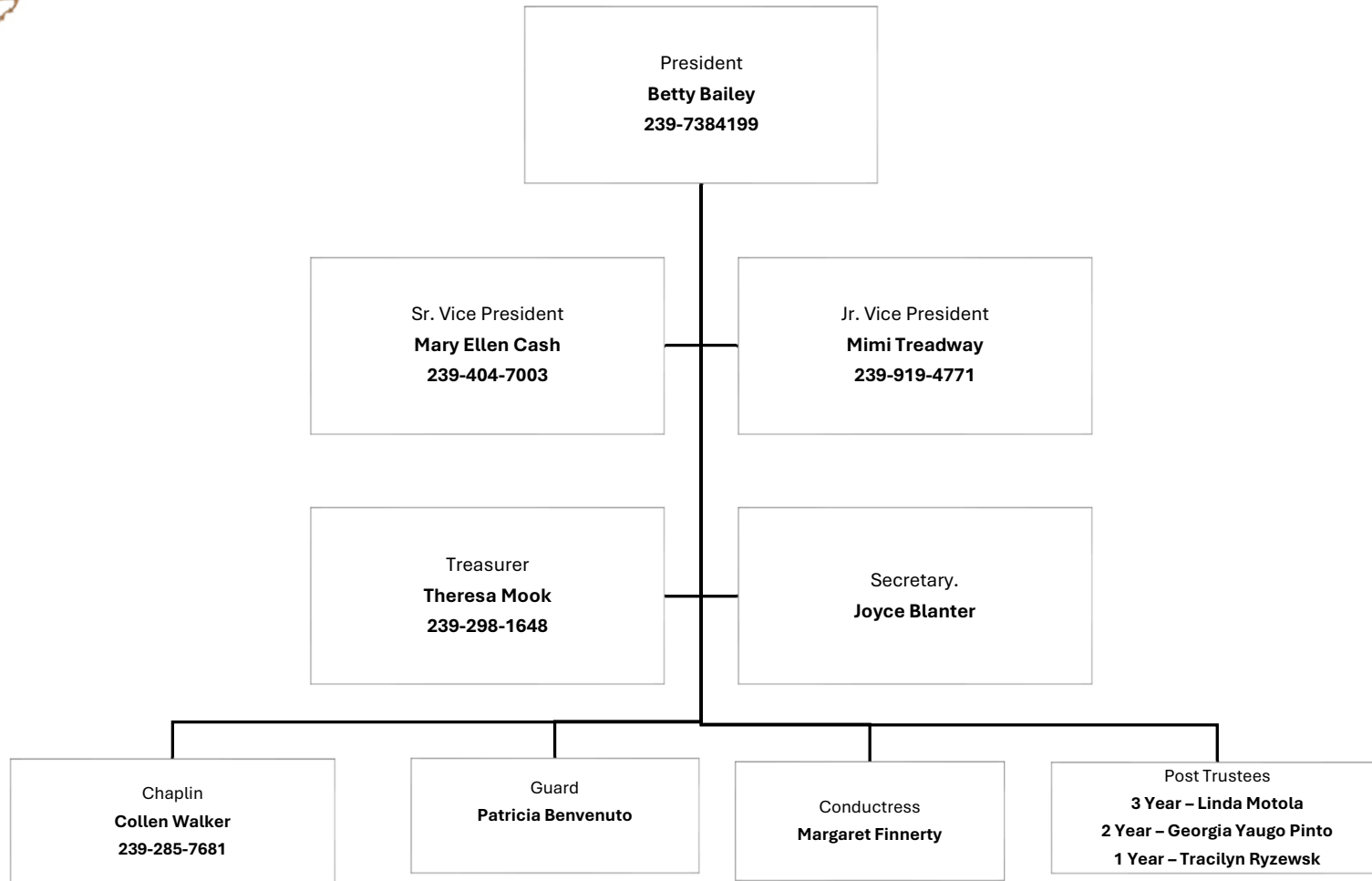


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September Lunch Specials



MONDAY

\$7

Tuna Melt



TUESDAY

\$6

Taco Tuesday



WEDNESDAY

\$9

French Dip



THURSDAY

\$9

Mushroom Swiss
Burger



FRIDAY

\$10

Shrimp Stir Fry